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## Oct. 12 halftime show to feature performance by The Temptations

Emma Owens  
Managing Editor

Eastern Michigan University has announced a performance by The Temptations, a well-known singing group, and the EMU Marching Band, the “Pride of the Peninsula,” at halftime during the EMU vs Miami University football game, Saturday, October 12, at Rynearson Stadium.

Detroit native and EMU alum, Jawan M. Jackson, joined The Temptations in 2022, and will be making his way back to his alma

mater for this highly anticipated performance.

The Temptations are a legendary vocal group best known for their smooth harmonies and choreography, as well as their string of hits during the 1960s and 1970s including, “My Girl,” “Just My Imagination,” “Papa Was A Rollin’ Stone,” and “Ain’t Too Proud To Beg.”

With their influential role in the development of soul and R&B music and having sold tens of millions of records, The Temptations remain one of the most successful groups in popular music.

Experience packages, which include brunch with The Temptations before the game, are available in a limited quantity.

Individuals or businesses interested in learning more can get in touch with Dr. Nick Smith at jnick.smith@emich.edu, or over the phone at 734.487.4143.

Tickets for the game and special halftime performance can be purchased online at EMUEagles.com/tickets or over the phone at 734.487.3669, the EMU Ticket Office, as well as season tickets for EMU’s 2024 home football schedule.

Prior to the game, tickets start at \$20. Additionally, group tickets begin at \$8 per person for groups of 15 or more. The October 12 game time will be announced 12 days before kickoff.



## Sabrina Carpenter’s 'Short n’ Sweet' is cheeky and heartfelt

Ameera Salman  
Editor-in-Chief

After a whole summer singing and hearing about “that me espresso,” Sabrina Carpenter’s newest album, “Short n’ Sweet,” has arrived.

**Review**

The album was preceded by its ultra successful singles, “Espresso” and “Please, Please, Please,” the latter of which earned Carpenter her first number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

The album’s third single, “Taste,” dropped alongside the record with a video that took the internet by storm. The video, starring Carpenter and actress Jenna Ortega, shows a vengeful Carpenter out to murder her ex’s new girlfriend.

**Highs**

“Taste” would already be iconic just for its homoerotic jealousy, but the video takes it to the next level. It’s the sexy, musical slasher I didn’t know I needed in my life. A deliciously catchy melody, “Taste,” captures a common feeling about seeing someone you loved move on.

And that’s just the first track. The album goes on to take the listener through a powerful range of songs that depict the highs and lows of modern age dating.

Sabrina Carpenter displays a dynamic lyricism that only a young woman with the heat of the spotlight on her could: from the sultry lyrics and production of “Bed Chem,” in which Carpenter imagines her sexual chemistry with the “cute guy with the white jacket and the thick accent, to the heart wrenching “Lie to Girls,” where she states “You don’t have to lie to girls/ If they like you, they’ll just lie to themselves.”

**Lows**

The only real low to this album is in its length, or lack thereof. While, it’s a bit short (no pun intended) for a sixth studio album, I can only expect that there will be some type of deluxe or extended version with additional songs in the near future.

**Verdict**

“Short n’ Sweet” is just that. Put it on repeat and you won’t even realize you’ve listened to it 3 times before your class is over.

**Rating: 9 out of 10**

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## Target, EMU partnership hosts dream decor contest

Lauren Holloway  
News Reporter

Two lucky students at the Westview or Lakeview Apartments are going to receive a \$500 gift card from Target to decorate their apartment.

With the cost of living increasing, Eastern Michigan University and Target have teamed up to launch the “Reface My Living Space” initiative. The goal of the initiative is to help students who are moving into apartments get furniture so that they can focus on other things.

Any students living in Lakeview or Westview apartments during the fall semester can apply to win the gift cards using this link.

The application requires students to submit a 300, 500-word entry on how they would use the gift card to decorate their apartment and how it would help them in their lives.

Some of the other questions on the application ask, “How will a well-decorated apartment contribute to your educational success and overall well-being?” and “How would winning this Target gift card ease the financial burden of decorating your apartment?” All entries must be submitted by 11 p.m. August 28, 2024.

Before entering applicants should also know that there are criteria after the winners are chosen.

Winners must post a video on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook using a hashtag and talking about how excited they are for the opportunity of



Residents of the newly built Lakeview and Westview apartments have the opportunity to win \$500 Target gift cards to decorate their dorms. Madison Cantrell / The Eastern Echo

getting the gift card. They must also film a video of themselves shopping at Target and showing prices of different items.

Then they have to show all the things they purchased and explain why they bought those items. After that they need to show the final look of the dorm when it’s all finished.

The last requirement is to post updates and tag Eastern and Target in every post. More details about the requirements can be found in the application.

A panel of judges will review all of the entries and choose the winners based on originality, financial need, academic goals, and creativity.

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EAGLEFEST STUDENT CENTER UNIVERSITY PARK 4 P.M. 	DREAMSPROUT LAKE HOUSE 4 - 6 P.M. 	MOVIE NIGHT RYNEARSON STADIUM 7 P.M. - 12 A.M. 			

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70°**Tuesday, Aug. 27**

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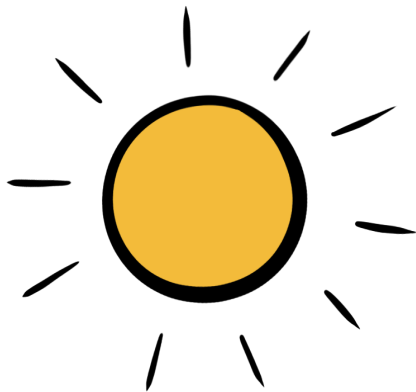
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56°**Sunday, Sep. 1**

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53°**Monday, Sep. 2**





# McNair Scholars Program helps underrepresented students soar

Ameera Salman  
Editor-in-Chief

The McNair Scholars Program has served as an avenue for first-generation students from low-income families or students from underrepresented backgrounds to pursue post-graduate and research opportunities since its creation in 1989.

Physicist Dr. Ronald E. McNair, for whom the program is named, was the second African-American to fly in space after being selected by NASA to participate in the space shuttle program. The McNair Scholars Program was created and funded by Congress to posthumously honor the legacy of McNair, who died in 1986 on the U.S. Challenger space shuttle.

Today, there are 216 McNair programs across the United States. McNair started at EMU in 2007, and has worked with more than 250 students so far.

Associate Director of the McNair Scholars Program, Miaisha Peoples Miller, just joined the team this year, but there has been no shortage of ways to get involved with the student scholars.

One of the events she attended with her students this year was “Detroit Day” during which the group visited the DIA and Wayne State University.

“At [Detroit Day], we saw a lot of students who are from the Detroit area, but had never been to the Detroit Institute of Arts, or didn’t know that they could go for free,” Peoples Miller said. “So it was that conceptualization of, okay, these students want more opportunities, they want to see more things, how can we create those opportunities for our students?”

Opportunities for McNair Scholars come in many different forms, from research mentoring and scholarships, to graduate school advising and planning, McNair Scholars always have somewhere to turn.

Victoria Huguley, who is double majoring in English and African

professors and interact with other students,” Huguley said. “I became more open and enthusiastic.”

And that openness and enthusiasm is a key tool for anyone, especially students like the McNair Scholars who are routinely attending national conferences, presenting their own

Ocean Thomas, a biology major and also a member of the Honors College, is active on campus and won Homecoming King last year. Thomas emphasized that the connections he has made through McNair and his position as a supplemental instructor in biology have set him on the path toward his goals.

“There’s so many different opportunities you can expand on,” Thomas said. “Someone knows someone all the time, Å¶ You just have to reach out.”

For student scholars like Huguley and Thomas, who are stretched between classes, research projects, extracurricular activities, and graduate school on the horizon, it can become overwhelming, just like for any college student.

Thomas explained his favorite way to stay grounded and how he takes care of his mental health in one phrase: Google Calendar.

“It’s a very big thing in my life,” Thomas said. “But another thing is giving yourself personal time.”

Huguley’s advice isn’t far from the same.

“Try to schedule yourself at least one not super busy day,” Huguley said.

The life of every college student is destined to be busy, stressful, and challenging, so for McNair Scholars, that community support and mentorship can mean the difference between a bad day and a bad semester.

“It’s not as scary as you think it is,” Huguley said.

Current and prospective students interested in the program can visit the EMU McNair Scholars Program website to learn more about eligibility and how to apply, or email emu\_mcnair@emich.edu.



McNair Assistant Director Miaisha Peoples Miller and two McNair Scholars, Victoria Huguley and Ocean Thomas, pose for a picture after discussing the program. Ameera Salman / The Eastern Echo

American studies and is a member of the Honors College, has flourished in the McNair program with support from her mentors and has enjoyed the opportunity to come out of her shell.

“You actually have to talk to

research, and networking with experts in their fields.

“It does matter to make connections in college,” Huguley said. “It wasn’t just something that someone came up with.”

# Coffee shops walkable from campus

Gabriella Payeur  
News Reporter

As the Fall 2024 semester begins, many students begin losing sleep. Thankfully, for the sleep-deprived on campus, there is no shortage of nearby coffee shops.

## Sweetwaters - 0.7 miles, 15 minutes

Sweetwaters is located at 735 W. Cross St. According to Google



An Ypsilanti mural painted on the side of Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea. Max Taylor / The Eastern Echo

Maps, they are 0.7 miles, about a 15 minute walk, from the Student Center. Sweetwaters operates 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. They offer online ordering and delivery. Drink prices range from \$2 to \$7, with the average price being about \$5. Food prices range from \$1 to \$7, with the average price being about \$4.

## The Deep End Cafe & Gallery - 0.8 miles, 18 minutes

The Deep End Cafe & Gallery is located at 735 W. Cross St. According to Google Maps, they are 0.8 miles, about an 18 minute walk, from the Student Center. They are closed Sunday and Monday but are open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. They offer online ordering for in-store pickup. Drink prices here range from \$3 to \$8, with the average price being about \$5. Food prices range from \$3 to \$10, with the average price being about \$8.

## Northern Grind - 0.9 miles, 21 minutes

Northern Grind is located at 317 Cross St. According to Google Maps, they are 0.9 miles, about a 21 minute walk, from the Student Center. They are open all week 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. They feature online ordering for in-store pickup. Drink prices range from \$2 to \$9, with the average price being about \$4. Food prices range from \$2 to \$10, with the average being about \$6.

## Cafe Liv - 1.2 miles, 27 minutes

Cafe Liv is at 202 Washington St. According to Google Maps, they are 1.2 miles, about a 27 minute walk, from the Student Center. They are open all week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They do not offer online ordering and do not list their prices online. Google reports Cafe Liv costs \$1 to \$10 per person.

## Vertex Coffee Roasters - 1.4 miles, 30 minutes

Vertex Coffee Roasters is located at 307 River St. According to Google

Maps, they are 1.4 miles, about a 30 minute walk, from the Student Center. They operate from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. They do not offer online ordering. Drink prices range from \$3 to \$5, with the average price being about \$4. Food prices range from \$7 to \$11, with the average price being about \$9.

## Hyperion Co. - 1.5 miles, 32 minutes

Hyperion Co. is located at 306 N. River St., Suite D. According to Google Maps, they are 1.5 miles, about a 32 minute walk, from the Student Center. They are open all week from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. They do not offer online ordering. Drink prices range from \$3 to \$7, with the average price being about \$5. While several kinds of food and sweet treats are offered at Hyperion Co., they do not list the prices or the options.

# What's the move? Aug. 27 - Sept. 1

Hunter Johnstone  
News Reporter

Check out these events happening on and around Eastern Michigan University’s campus this week.

## Welcome Back Picnic - Aug. 26

Go down to the George Gervin Gameabove Center and enjoy games, cornhole, and Kona Ice. Programming starts at 6 p.m. in the Gameabove Center, and the main picnic starts around 6:30 p.m. at Crosby Field.

## Get Hands-On In The Gardens! - Aug. 27

Actively join the community and grow your gardening skills simultaneously at Nelson Meade County Farm Park. Gloves and snacks are provided and the event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. RSVP for the event here.

## Eaglefest - Aug. 27

Kick off the semester and see all that life on campus has to offer at Eaglefest in the Student Center University Park at 4 p.m.

## Student Employment Fair - Aug. 28

Looking for a job on or close to campus? See what options are available at the Student Employment Fair. The event is located in the Student Center Ballroom and runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## DreamSprout - Aug. 28

Grow your dream fairy terrarium garden while receiving guidance from Campus Life Coaches at the Lake House from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Ice Cream with the CHHS Deans - Aug. 29

Meet the College of Health and Human Services deans and enjoy a sweet treat outside of the Marshall Building from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

## Movie Night - Aug. 29

Catch Inside Out 2 at Rynearson Stadium at this free movie night. Gates open at 7 p.m., and the film starts around 7:30 p.m.

## “The Addams Family Musical” - Aug. 30

See ‘The Addams Family Musical’ at the Riverside Arts Center. Price ranges from \$15 to \$25 and the musical begins at 7 p.m.

## Blue Hues Bigband: Debut - Aug. 31

Hear EMU former instructor Mark Pappas’ musical works at The Colonnade at Riverside Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public and starts at 3 p.m.

## Latinos Unidos Soccer at Frog Island - Sept. 1

Hop on down to Frog Island Park to watch Latinos Unidos Soccer from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## THE EASTERN ECHO CLASSIFIEDS

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Eastern Michigan University’s student-produced literacy magazine, Cellar Roots, is seeking content editors and designers for the 2024- 25 academic year. The team, operating as

a student organization, will produce and publish the 51st edition of the literary magazine, which includes both visual and literacy arts created by students. Responsibilities: Acquire and curate a collection of student-produced works, coordinate with other student media groups, and organize the selection of content and publication of the magazine. To apply: By Oct. 15, 2024, send a resume and cover letter explaining the applicant’s interest and ideas for the magazine to cellarroots@easternecho.com.

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# Eagles back at EMU



Students play pool and air hockey inside the REC IM at EMU's Recharge at the REC event on Aug. 25. *The Eastern Echo*



Student choose their flavors at Kona Ice truck outside the student center at EMU's Recharge at the REC event on Aug. 25. *The Eastern Echo*



Tom's Coffee truck outside the student center at EMU's Recharge at the REC event on Aug. 25. *The Eastern Echo*



Students tie-dye block E t-shirts at EMU's Recharge at the REC on Aug. 25. *The Eastern Echo*



E|Dining table with prize drop opportunity inside the REC IM at EMU's Recharge at the REC event on Aug. 25. *The Eastern Echo*



# EMU Athletics presents 'Movie Night at The Factory'

Elena Davis  
Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University Athletics will once again host “Movie Night at The Factory” at Rynearson Stadium on Thursday, August 29.

The annual event offers fans the chance to enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars on the stadium’s iconic gray turf.

Gates will open at 7, with the movie "Inside Out 2" starting at approximately 7:30 p.m. The event is free, and fans are encouraged to bring blankets to sit on the field, as no furniture is allowed.

Concessions will be available, but only bottled water is permitted on the turf. The movie will move indoors to the George Gervin GameAbove Center in the case of inclement weather.

“As a department, it was a good opportunity for people to come out to a new look at Rynearson Stadium and enjoy Crosby Field for the first time in this format. It also was an opportunity to continue community engagement and start the holiday weekend in a unique way,” said Greg Steiner, Associate Athletic Director/Media Relations for EMU Athletics.

The Fun Zone will open at 7 p.m., providing on-field activities for attendees before the movie starts.

As the fall sports season approaches, this event serves as a community gathering to kick off the excitement.

The EMU Ticket Office has also announced the sale of 2024 ticket packages, with the first home game on September 14 against Jacksonville State University. Fans can find more information and purchase tickets through the official EMU website.

“Anything is possible, we’ll continue to evaluate ways to ensure that Ypsilanti and the Eastern Michigan University community have a first-class experience anytime they set foot on our campus,” added Steiner, hinting at the potential for more community events.

## Eagle Tips and Tales: August 27-September 2

Elena Davis  
Sports Editor

The Eastern Echo is back with “Eagle Tips and Tales,” a column keeping you up to date on everything EMU Athletics. Here’s what’s happening this week as we head back to campus.

**EMU Athletics partners with Eastern Market Brewing Co. for co-branded beer**

Eastern Michigan University Athletics has partnered with Detroit’s Eastern Market Brewing Co. to create a co-branded beer for EMU fans. With a 4.5% alcohol by volume, this specially crafted American lager celebrates the university’s traditions, its dedicated fan base, and the Ypsilanti community. The beer will be available at Rynearson Stadium, the George Gervin GameAbove Center, and select regional locations. EMU fans can participate in naming the brew, with voting open until August 25. The five potential names reflect EMU’s spirit; the winning name will be revealed later this fall.

This partnership enhances the game-day experience and strengthens the connection between EMU and its community. The collaboration with Eastern Market Brewing Co., known for its innovative brewing techniques, allows EMU to offer fans a unique product that embodies school pride. The beer launch coincides with the fall sports season, making it a timely addition to EMU’s offerings for its supporters.

# Ypsilanti Rugby Club is a welcoming space for local athletes

Elena Davis  
Sports Editor

Founded in 2019, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club has quickly established itself as a vital part of the local sports scene. Emerging from the passion and dedication of former Eastern Michigan University students and community members, the club has grown from its humble beginnings into a competitive force in Michigan’s Division 4 rugby.

The club’s origins trace back to the efforts of EMU alums who, after experiencing challenges with late-night practice schedules and declining participation on campus, decided to take a bold step. They transitioned from an EMU-affiliated team to a community-based club, opening the doors to a broader pool of players from the Ypsilanti area and beyond. This move attracted diverse athletes, including residents, EMU alums, and players from neighboring cities like Ann Arbor.

The Ypsilanti Rugby Club’s philosophy is deeply rooted in the spirit of inclusivity and camaraderie. While many of the team’s members have backgrounds in various sports, such as football, wrestling, and even marching band, rugby was a new challenge for most. This hasn’t stopped them from embracing the sport with enthusiasm and grit. The club prides itself on its welcoming nature, encouraging anyone interested in rugby, regardless of experience, to join their ranks.

William Crosby, Director of the Ypsilanti Athletic Club, emphasized the unique appeal of rugby for athletes who may feel a void after their high school or college sports careers end. “If you are a player that is looking to recapture that feeling of being in a huddle. You’re an athlete that’s looking to recapture that huddle, those pre-game jitters on



a legitimate level. You are not going to find it post-high school, post-college, anywhere other than rugby. Without it being at an almost inaccessible level, the only thing you’re going to find that on is on a minor league basketball or baseball team,” Crosby said.

The club’s accessibility is another major draw.

“We are on that level, except we are way more accessible. You have victories and losses,” Crosby continued, highlighting that rugby offers a rare blend of competition and camaraderie that is hard to find in other post-collegiate sports.

For those who fear that the thrill of competitive sports ends with graduation, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club offers a compelling alternative.

“You get that electricity, that you felt that if you once you graduate and you don’t get that scholarship kind of deal, and you go ‘all right, it’s done, it’s gone’ it’s not, it’s here,” Crosby added.

The club has hosted a Cinco de Mayo weekend event for the past three years, renting out Willow Run High School to hold a Friday Night Lights

game. The club’s philosophy is to embrace challenges, take on more than they can handle, and believe it will lead to growth. Each year, they invite an opponent to compete under the stadium lights. The club envisions a future where the stands are filled, food trucks line the venue, and the event evolves into an all-day tournament.

Practice sessions, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., are more than just training; they’re an opportunity for team building and community engagement. The club practices primarily at Frog Island Park, although they often move to different fields around Ypsilanti to connect with various communities. This flexibility helps the club gain visibility and fosters a strong bond with the local area.

The club’s goals are both ambitious and community-focused. In the short term, they aim to make the playoffs again this season, building on their success from the previous year. However, their long-term vision extends beyond just winning games. The Ypsilanti Rugby Club is actively working towards reestablishing a rugby club at EMU,

allowing current students to continue playing rugby beyond their college years. By mentoring and coaching an EMU club team, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club hopes to lay the groundwork for a strong rugby tradition at the university.

In addition to its current goals, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club focuses on increasing recruitment at Eastern Michigan University to eventually reestablish a college team there. In the meantime, the club offers individuals an opportunity to play on its senior squad. They are eager to welcome new players and invite anyone interested to participate in a practice or discuss the matter further.

Tim McCotter, one of the team’s captains, has been a dedicated member of the Ypsilanti Rugby Club for eight years. His leadership and commitment have been crucial in shaping the team’s success and fostering a strong sense of community. Tim speaks highly of their head coach, Jason Anthony, a two-time national champion with the University of Michigan women’s team. He has won both the Big Ten and national college rugby championships. “It’s a privilege to have him because Jason really knows drills, knows things that’ll get us ready for games, knows how to train us on the proper skill. He’s not just some guy,” McCotter said.

For anyone looking to join a sport that combines athleticism with a strong sense of community, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club offers an inviting and supportive environment. Whether you’re an experienced player or someone new to the sport, the club eagerly welcomes you. With their eyes set on immediate success and long-term sustainability, the Ypsilanti Rugby Club is poised to become a cornerstone of the local sports landscape for years to come.

**EMU football honors Demarius Reed with “The Deuce” tradition**

Eastern Michigan University’s football program continues to honor the legacy of Demarius Reed, a former wide receiver who passed away in 2013, through the tradition of “The Deuce.” This unique number 2 jersey is awarded to a senior player who exemplifies integrity, character, and leadership, qualities that Reed embodied. Unlike other jerseys, “The Deuce” cannot be requested; it must be earned through actions on and off the field. This year, senior wide receiver Oran Singleton was selected to wear “The Deuce,” continuing the tradition that started in 2017 with the blessing of Reed’s family.

The selection of “The Deuce” not only pays tribute to Reed’s memory but also reminds EMU football players of the high standards they strive to meet. The jersey has been worn by several distinguished players over the years, each contributing to the program’s legacy of excellence. As the 2024 season approaches, the team prepares to honor Reed’s legacy both on the field and within the broader EMU community.

# EMU rowing prepares to join MAC

Elena Davis  
Sports Editor

Eastern Michigan University’s rowing program is gearing up for a significant transition as it joins the Mid-American Conference starting in the 2025-26 academic year. This move marks EMU’s return to a more regional competition base after nearly a decade with the Coastal Athletic Association. The change will bring opportunities and challenges as the team adjusts to a new conference landscape.

**A Homecoming to the Midwest**

“The MAC has always prided itself on maintaining a local footprint, and this transition brings us back to the Midwest, reducing the need for extensive travel,” said Head Coach Kemp Savage.

He emphasized that returning to a regional conference will not only ease the physical toll on the athletes, who previously faced long bus rides across the East Coast, but also allow the team to train more effectively without the disruptions caused by extensive travel.

Savage expressed gratitude for the time spent in the CAA, describing the experience as amazing and praising the

conference for being excellent hosts. However, he highlighted the benefits of the move to the MAC, particularly in reducing travel time and the associated impact on the team’s academic schedule and physical well-being.

**Preparing for the MAC Championships**

EMU will host the MAC Rowing Championships for the first three years at Lakeside Park on Ford Lake, beginning in 2026. Coach Savage is confident in the team’s preparations, noting they will have ample time to practice hosting events.

“We have a really good plan to build out the event with a couple of invites and home races this year,” he explained.

He added that partnerships with the Ypsilanti Sports Commission and local businesses have been crucial in setting up the necessary infrastructure.

Having the proper infrastructure in place will allow the team to focus on the logistics of the events, making the process “plug and play” rather than a scramble to assemble temporary solutions. Savage sees this as a significant advantage, allowing the team to concentrate on refining their performance and building a solid

reputation within the new conference.

**Recruitment and Team Development**

Recruitment will be crucial as the team prepares for its first MAC season. Coach Savage highlighted the need for athletes who are physically strong and driven to succeed. “We’re not just looking for tall or strong; we’re looking for people who are really driven to win,” he said, emphasizing that success in rowing is not confined to a specific body type or skill set. “Some of our best athletes have been five foot two and just driven.”

The team will be holding open tryouts from September 6-20, welcoming all full-time female EMU students to participate, regardless of prior experience. Prospective rowers are encouraged to attend one of three informational meetings scheduled for August 26-28 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 350.

**Community Impact and Long-Term Goals**

The move to the conference also has broader implications for the local community. Savage believes the

championships will help put Ypsilanti and Ford Lake on the national rowing map, attracting more attention to the area and boosting local pride.

“It’s huge to show off Ypsilanti, Eastern Michigan, and Southeast Michigan,” he noted.

In addition to the economic impact, the rowing program has a strong tradition of community service. The team regularly participates in local events, including hosting the Special Olympics of Michigan’s kayaking tournament. Looking ahead, the program plans to collaborate with local schools to introduce students to rowing and STEM education through the STEM to Stern program, further strengthening ties with the community.

**Looking Forward**

As EMU Rowing enters this new phase in the MAC, the team’s goals are clear: to establish itself as a top contender in the conference and to leverage the advantages of racing on home turf.

“We want to be in the top three every year,” said Savage, expressing confidence that the university’s and local fans’ support will provide a competitive edge.

**Lucie Roy named Assistant Rowing Coach at EMU**

Eastern Michigan University has appointed Lucie Roy as the new assistant coach for its rowing program. Roy joins EMU after a successful tenure as the Head Men’s and Women’s Rowing Coach at Adrian College, where she led both teams to multiple medals. Her experience as a rower at Michigan State University and her leadership skills make her a valuable addition to the EMU coaching staff. Roy’s achievements as a student-athlete, including her recognition as a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, further highlight her dedication to the sport.

With Roy’s arrival, EMU’s rowing program is poised for growth and success in the coming seasons. Her background in developing successful rowing programs will be instrumental in advancing the team’s competitive edge. As the program continues to evolve, Roy’s expertise and commitment are expected to have a lasting impact on the athletes and the overall success of EMU rowing.

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# Iconic 'Emily in Paris' love triangle returns

**Mariam Fakhreddine**  
*Review Columnist*

“Emily in Paris” returned to Netflix on August 15 for season four by releasing part one. This season is full of drama and heartbreak between multiple characters. Featuring Lily Collins as Emily, she is figuring out who she wants. Will it be Gabriel (Lucas Bravo) or Alfie (Lucien Laviscount)?

This first part of the season is about the struggles Emily deals with in choosing between Gabriel and Alfie. This love triangle takes up all of her energy, all while she remains working for Gateau. She continues to strive for greatness and has a close relationship with Sylvie (Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu). The projects that Emily takes on can be difficult considering the drama. Another decision she has to make is her friendship with Camille, who is pregnant with Gabriel’s child. This decision affects her whole life, and she goes on an adventure to find out where Camille went as Camille

disappeared within the first episode of the new season which takes everyone on a whirlwind.

### Highs

This season’s plot revolves around the highs. The pregnancy of Camille (Camille Razat) adds a fresh dimension of drama to the plot. Emily and Camille have a close, passionate connection, but they also renew their friendship. While putting her happiness first, Emily tries her hardest to mend her relationship with Camille. An additional positive is the growing intimacy between Emily and Sylvie. They make a formidable team, which says a lot given how much Sylvie detested Emily.

Emily’s chemistry with Gabriel and Alfie is another highlight. This demonstrates her affection for them both and her eventual need to decide who brings her the greatest happiness. Furthermore, this season’s humor is brimming with jokes thanks to characters like Luc (Bruno Gourey) and Mindy (Ashley Park). This season’s quips are amusing and add a playful humor to the



viewing experience.

The clothes this season are also a standout; they are amazing. Seeing these characters’ clothing is always lovely. It makes you feel as though you are in Paris. Each character’s personality is displayed through their outfits. Some are fascinating and vibrant. Gabriel’s restaurant is the final high point. It still succeeds because of how elegant and tasteful the restaurant is.

### Lows

The negative points of this season are mostly related to Camille’s demeanor. Her animosity toward Emily detracts from the overall tone of the program. Sofia, Camille’s girlfriend, is another character with negative opinions. Her persona ignored everything that had transpired in Camille’s life and showed no maternal support for the child. She acts passively aggressively and with regret against Camille.

Nicolas’s father is a

sad point; he treats Mindy indifferently. Considering how much she cares about Nicolas it is upsetting that he does not defend her. His father feels negatively about Mindy because of her attire as he claims it is unfit for their families to see. Another low has to do with how Nicolas reacts to Mindy when she disagrees with something. Specifically, his father’s abuse of girls and Nicolas should have stood up to him rather than obey him.

### Verdict

The first part to the new season of “Emily in Paris” is full of drama and humor. It has an interesting plot that keeps the audience on their feet. It is worth continuing this series considering the plot twists. The first part of this season is intriguing, the next part is going to be even better.

**Rating: 8.5 out of 10**

*Mariam Fakhreddine is a film and theater reviewer for The Eastern Echo. She has worked as a news and features reporter for The Echo for two years.*

# 'Mothers' Instinct' is thrilling, captivating

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*Review Columnist*

Based on a 2012 Belgian novel by author Barbara Abel, Prime Video’s “Mothers’ Instinct” came out on August 13. The film features Anne Hathaway as Celine and Jessica Chastain as Alice. It is a thrilling and engaging movie bound to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Celine and Alice are neighbors with their respective sons Max and Theo, who are friends. After failing to save Max from falling to his death, Celine loses her sanity and murders her husband. Celine’s depression takes over her mind, and she becomes obsessed with Theo. As Theo’s mother, Alice is concerned about Celine throughout

the movie. Alice is determined to prove that Celine is a murderer, but things take a turn.

### Highs

Most of the highs in this film center around the masterfully crafted mood. “Mothers’ Instinct” is not your typical drama film. It takes you on an unpredictable ride of wild paranoia. It keeps your heart racing and attention locked on the screen. The director establishes an edgy but somber tone throughout the last half of the film that continues to build to the climax. The movie gives the spine-tingling sense that something is wrong, and it feels like you are discovering what is happening at the same time as the main character.

The gripping performances of

Chastain and Hathaway also make “Mothers’ Instinct” a thrilling film. Hathaway’s performance as Celine is particularly impeccable. Celine is the character who leaves the audience feeling frustrated. The thrilling and psychotic role of Celine is different from previous roles Hathaway has played. With their excellent acting, Chastain and Hathaway hold the screen long enough for you to tell what their characters are thinking without even having to use any words. The actresses’ expressions and different tones of voice capture their emotions effectively.

Another high of the film is that it is well-paced. “Mothers’ Instinct” does not take its time to build the tension as it happens at the beginning of the film and slowly builds throughout. The lack of slow moments in a film, let alone a

thriller, keeps the audience engaged. It allows the story to play out as it should without getting boring.

### Lows

Some of the lows of “Mothers’ Instinct” center around an incomplete ending and storyline. The ending leaves much to be desired and leaves the story feeling incomplete and disappointing. The film builds a great deal of tension, but unfortunately, it is cut off abruptly in the end without much context or pushback from the protagonist.

The story of this film, although well-paced, feels incomplete without more backstory or context to help the viewer understand all the events. For example, one scene in which the protagonist explains her past struggles with her mental health seems very important to

the story, and it could have added to her character development. However, the movie brushes over it without much context.

### Verdict

“Mothers’ Instinct” is worth the watch considering Hathaway’s impulsive character. This is a thrilling movie that keeps the audience on their feet.

**Rating: 6.5 out 10**

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## EMU THEATRE SCHEDULE 2024-2025

*Ticket Office hours in the Judy Sturgis Hill building are 1-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 90 minutes before show time.*

### Alice By Heart

October 3-6, 2024 Suggested for ages 13+.

### Silent Sky

November 21-24, 2024 Suggested for ages 12+.

### A Midsummer Night’s Dream

December 6-8\*, 2024 Suggested for ages 12+. \*Accessible with ASL.

### The Rocky Horror Show

February 13-16, 2025 Suggested for mature audiences only.

### Cause Play

April 3-6\*, 2025 School Matinees April 7 & 8\* Suggested for ages 9+. \*Accessible with ASL.

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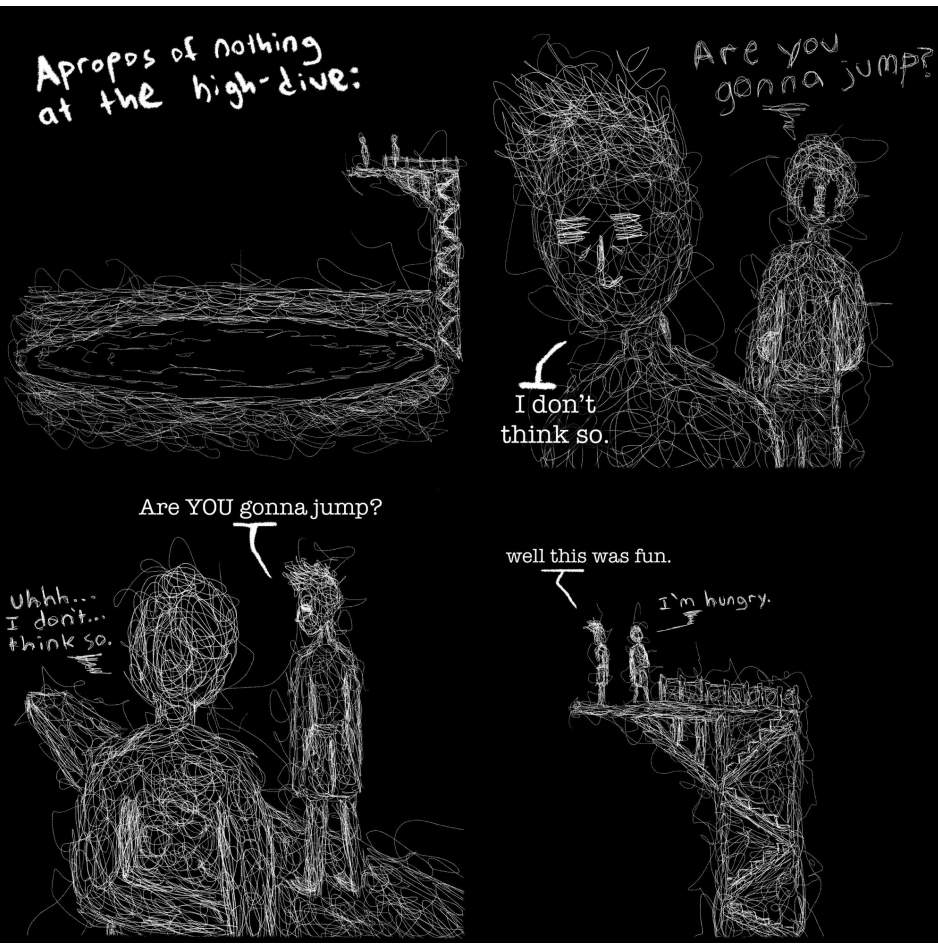
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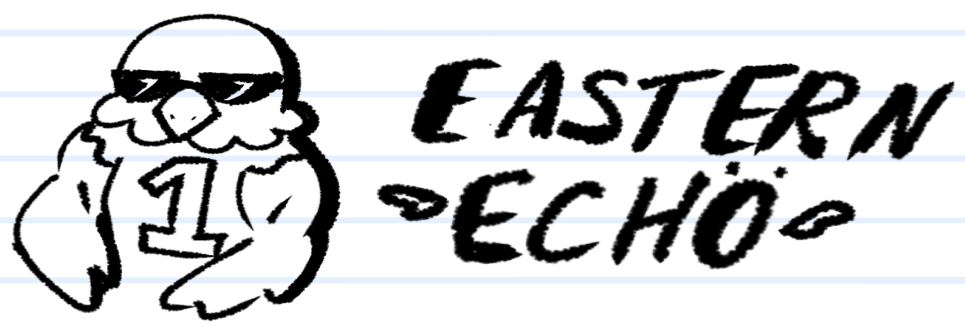
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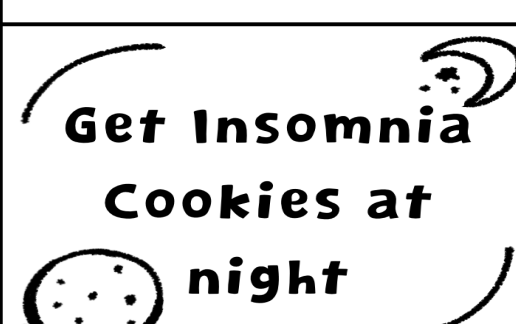





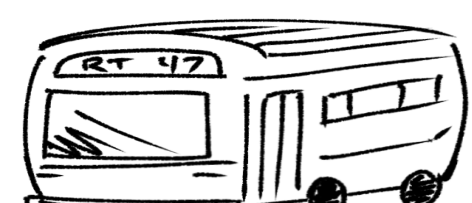



Collective Anxiety  
Gideon the Ghost





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<b>Take a pic of a campus squirrel</b> 	<b>Sit by Student Center firepit</b> 	<b>Get Insomnia Cookies at night</b> 	<b>View the EMU art galleries</b> 
<b>Watch the sunset from University Park</b> 	<b>Visit the koi fish pond</b> 	<b>Get a bagel from Dom Bakeries</b> 	<b>Join a club / student org</b> 
<b>Ride the bus</b> 	<b>Use an Ozzi container at the Commons</b> 	<b>Visit a professor during office hours</b> 	<b>See a show at Sponberg Theater</b> 



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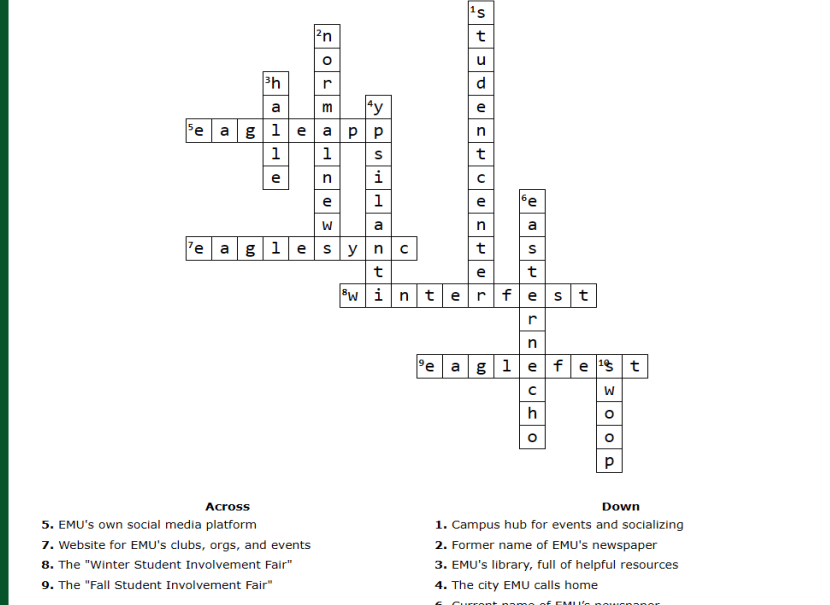
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**Across**

- EMU's own social media platform
- Website for EMU's clubs, orgs, and events
- EMU's library, full of helpful resources
- The "Winter Student Involvement Fair"
- The "Fall Student Involvement Fair"

**Down**

- Campus hub for events and socializing
- Former name of EMU's newspaper
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- The city EMU calls home
- Current name of EMU's newspaper
- EMU's feathered mascot